Officer's return. In cases of applications by wire, the Chief Ministerial Officer has been instructed to grant leave when the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer is on circuit.

166. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Medical Officers, subordinates to the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, have to obtain his permission even before they avail themselves of any casual leave on emergent occasions of an unforeseen nature;

(b) whether such system is in vogue in any other department of State administration;

(c) whether the above practice brought into being since the advent of the present Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer has been causing undue hardship, expense and serious trouble to the subordinates concerned;

(d) whether there was absolute necessity for the enforcement of such a practice even in hospitals where there are more than one Medical Officer;

(e) whether they would be pleased to relax the vigour of that practice at least hereafter?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Yes.

(b) It is the general rule.

(c) The practice was in existence long before the advent of the present Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

(d) and (e). Vide answer to question No. 164.

The pension drawn by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer from the British Government.

167. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the pension drawn by Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese, the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, from the British Government and the last grade pay drawn by him while in that service?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The Government do not consider that any public purpose will be served by giving information.

Certain T. A. drawn by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

168. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government officers, while on leave or going on private business, can inspect their subordinate offices and claim T. A. therefor;

(b) whether Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese, the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, paid a visit to the Mala

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Dispensary on the 23rd Meenam or so in 1101, while his services were required by a private gentleman in the neighbourhood ;

(c) whether he has billed the Government for T. A. for that visit ;

(d) the particulars for that day's T. A. bill ;

(e) whether he has visited the Sitaram Mills in Trichur in 1100 in Vrischigam or so in the course of a similar private visit and billed the Government for T. A. ;

(f) the exact amount so billed ;

(g) whether such instances are common with the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer ;

(h) whether a Medical Officer of the Madras service was got down to Ernakulam last April or May to fix up the X-ray apparatus and paid his T. A., etc.,

(i) the amount so given,

(ii) the necessity for bringing such an officer when we have got an X-ray Expert in the service itself in the person of Dr. Tariyan Verghese, the son of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, an expert Mechanical Engineer in our Chief Engineer, and other officers competent to fix the apparatus ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) On leave—No; unless specially ordered. There is no objection to a Government officer attending to his private business, while proceeding on duty, or *vice versa*.

(b) The Mala Dispensary was visited on 22nd Meenam 1101.

(c) No.

(d) Nil.

(e) The Sitaram Mill was not visited in Vrischigam 1100.

(f) and (g). No answer is called for.

(h) Vide answer to question 21, sub-division (2).

(i) Vide answer to question 21, sub-division 3 (b).

(ii) Vide answer to question 21, sub-division (4).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—"Unless specially ordered." By whom ?

President.—Ordered by persons who have the power to sanction.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether the Member visited the Sitaram Spinning and Weaving Mills in Dhanu or in Thulam 1100 ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I visited on 22nd Thulam 1100.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was it in the course of a private visit?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I went to Trichur on duty. On that day I find from my diary that I have inspected

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the Sitaram Spinning and Weaving Mills which is one of the factories which I have to inspect in my official capacity, and after that I proceeded to Kandassankadavu and Antikkad.

President.—He has got a right to inspect the Sitaram Mills in his official capacity.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—He visited it on an occasion when his services were required by a private man at Pushpagiri. That is my point.

President.—Do you mean to say that the officer went there for another duty?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Can he claim T. A. on these occasions?

Diwan Bahadur Dr V. Verghese.—I went to the factory to inspect it in my official capacity.

President.—Did you attend to any other matter?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Very well, Sir. That is generally being done.

President.—Can we expect anybody to do his office work alone day and night without taking care of his wife and children and without attending to other private affairs? It is an impossibility.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Suppose he was required for a private business, and in the course of that visit he visits a dispensary also, and then can he claim T. A.?

President.—The claiming of T. A. depends upon the conscience of the officer, when he goes for official work, and in the course of that attends to a private business. These are all matters which are left to the conscience of the officer. For instance, when I went to Palghat to attend to my son's marriage, I did not claim T. A., although I had a lot of official business to do.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Now, I will convince the Hon'ble Member that I went on a private business to Mala, and at the same time inspected the dispensary, and that I did not claim T. A. for that.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—He was wired for by a private patient from Pushpagiri. After attending on him, he visited the Sitaram Mills and signed in the visitor's book. I do not know whether he claimed T. A. Has he ever done like that?

President.—Why do you repeat that question? The available information has been supplied.

The inspection of sanitary works by the X-ray Expert.

169. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact—

(a) that the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer is reported to be deputing (his son) the X-ray Expert for inspection work of the rural Sanitary Inspectors;

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